

DODGE COUNTY
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
December 6, 2019 DRAFT

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller at 8:01 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller, Dan Hilbert, and Thomas Nickel. *(Larry Schraufnagel – excused) The Committee has one vacancy with the November 13, 2019 resignation of County Board Supervisor Eugene Wurtz.*

Also Present: James Mielke-County Administrator; Brian Pfitzinger-Circuit Court Judge *(stepped out at 8:09am for a hearing, back in at 8:18am)*; Lynn Hron-Clerk of Courts; Peggy Novak-Victim/Witness Coordinator-District Attorney's Office; Dale Schmidt-Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Mittelstadt-Chief Deputy; Patrick Schoebel-Medical Examiner; Jeffrey Schmitt-Dodge County Board Member Dist. No. 5; Ed Zagorski-Watertown Daily Times; Gina Steinke-Br. 2 Judicial Assistant.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Dan Hilbert to approve Minutes of November 1, 2019 meeting; second by Thomas Nickel. Motion carried.

Medical Examiner: *(handout provided)* PJ Schoebel gave an update on activities to date. Update provided was preliminary and he will have final in January or February.

Internal candidate Heather Pitz was offered the new full-time position and she will start December 19th. A part-time position will also be offered to another candidate.

Sheriff Office: Dale Schmidt reported on several planned retirements: Hanna Mueller, corrections officer; Cheryl Kotek, communications officer; Detective Dan Stiemsma; Pete Kaczmarek & Lee Schneider, both dispatch. Detective Ted Sullivan left to take a promotion as Lieutenant of Detectives with the Waupun Police Dept.

Offered 3 jobs to jail positions. Anticipate having 4 new patrol deputies, 3 new dispatch employees, and 1 new support staff to replace a Deputy Secretary position.

Dale Schmidt reported that 3 life saving awards would be recognized.

Dale Schmidt reported on his trip to Washington D.C. in October. There were 185 Sheriffs that met at the White House. Dale Schmidt met with the director of DEA and ICE and with others and got to meet and shake the hand of President Trump. Information provided during the trip was that they are seeing some improvement with restrictions at the border.

Re: informational update on drug unit – Dale Schmidt stated all police chiefs are working hard to finalize an agreement and are meeting again next Wednesday, hammering out some small issues, very close. He stated several smaller agencies simply can't join, insurance would be too high.

Question by Board Member – any way to get small agencies involved in Drug Unit? Dale Schmidt stated small agencies simply don't have the staff to dedicate to the drug unit, however, they do share information. Sharing information is not the issue.

External audit review oversight: Dan Hilbert reported the committee met 3 or 4 times and have 1 more meeting next week. They're reviewing the Matrix report for best practices. Their last discussion was in regard to 12 hour work shifts for the Sheriff's Dept. Next week they will begin work on final report to get to the County Board.

Committee Member Reports – WCA Steering Committee for Judicial & Public Safety:

Chair MaryAnn Miller stated District Attorney Kurt Klomberg will be giving a presentation next month.

Informational Presentation – Tenant/landlord from court's view: Judge Brian Pfitzinger was slated to speak about tenant/landlord issues but felt it was important to inform the committee that we now have a Restitution Court which was started approximately 1 year ago. (Judge will be giving a report to the Committee re: Restitution Court in December 2020). Comment by Lynn Hron that the Clerk of Courts office does their own restitution collection process so with the new Restitution Court, they're seeing more money for restitution being paid.

Re: landlord/tenant presentation, Judge Pfitzinger stated that if an eviction is granted, the tenant has 5 business days to get out. He gave a presentation at the landlord eviction training on October 15, 2019 with approximately 160 people in attendance.

Comment by Scott Mittelstadt that he appreciated Judge Pfitzinger's presentation and the Sheriff's Dept. is now offering an 8 hour paid presentation to be held next week. Mission was to educate landlords and tenants, extremely good program.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 3, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Chair MaryAnn Miller at 9:04 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Thomas Nickel, Secretary

Gina M. Steinke, Recording Secretary